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FTII STRIKE: Day 91

Today, at around 12 p.m, 3 FTII Students started an indefinite hunger strike until the ensuing crisis is resolved.

We strongly feel that the strike has now entered its most critical period, a time in which the apathy and sheer ignorance towards our institute has now reached a most grave, perilous point. The students have had to deal with a lot of mental, physical and emotional anguish and they have always tried to display and abide by the integrity and grace that they thought characterized them. However this has not yielded results and the students have now been cornered to take up this most **EXTREME** step.

We still continue to hope that the ministry immediately engages with the students so that they can mutually resolve this crisis at the earliest but **the fact that this situation has been allowed to escalate to this extent, is something that the entire country and its citizens need to take note of and be thoroughly disturbed by.**

Students who assembled here from different parts of the country and socio-economic backgrounds, with a common dream for cinema have been **disillusioned to such an extent that they have begun an indefinite hunger strike and have put their lives and their physical health on the line.** Their mental and emotional state will continue to suffer, as it has been for these **91 days, an earth shattering, and seismic period of time for a student, waiting to graduate and carve out his financial and professional existence in the world.**

We hope the people of this nation will now hold the incumbent government and the ministry accountable.

The Students would also like to state how heartening it is to see almost 200 national award winning and eminent filmmakers send a letter to the president demanding his intervention. The kind of support we have got from all over the country has humbled and stunned us, and it leaves us speechless how the authorities can still justify not resolving this crisis.

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